College of Health Newsletter

College of Health Newsletter contains news and events from our schools, departments, and centers to keep you informed and engaged with the College. Health care continues to be a crucial element in the development of our nation, and Southern Miss is leading the way. Please continue to stay involved with the College of Health and your respective academic program in order to help take Southern Miss to the top!

April, 2011

Nursing Alumni Group Gets Active

The School of Nursing at Southern Miss has always had strong support, and the newly-elected Nursing Alumni Constituent Society board members know this well. Led by alumni president Tracey Pogue, ’98, the Society will take an active role in the upcoming Nursing Graduation Ceremony before commencement, as well as at the annual Mississippi Nurses Association conference in October. If you would like to become part of the Nursing Alumni Society, contact Tracey Pogue at traceypogue@msn.com.

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College of Health Alumni Spotlight

Lori Woodruff, ’80

Lori currently serves as the Deputy Administrator in the Division of Family and Children’s Services for the Mississippi Department of Human Services. A recipient of the Master’s of Social Work degree from Southern Miss, Lori has received numerous awards including the 1996 and 2011 Social Worker of the Year from the National Association of Social Workers. Lori has also held a variety of roles relating to children’s justice in Mississippi.
Southern Miss Instructor Receives Nurse Researcher of the Year Award

A compelling desire to help others and sincere commitment to research has translated into a prestigious award for University of Southern Mississippi nursing instructor Dr. Lachel Story.

Story, assistant professor in the School of Nursing, took home the Nurse Researcher of the Year honor during the annual Nightingale Awards ceremony held March 7 in Jackson, Miss. The awards are handed out each year by the Mississippi Nurses Association.

Southern Miss Professor Visits MLB Spring Training for Research Project

Right off the bat, football comes to mind when the words “strength and conditioning” are mentioned. But baseball players also benefit from regimens of that nature provided by coaches who specialize in fitness training.

Dr. Brian Gassert, assistant professor in the School of Human Performance and Recreation at The University of Southern Mississippi, hopes to shed more light on the intricacy of strength and conditioning in Major League Baseball as part of a current research project. Gassert spent five days during his “spring break” observing the workout routines of the Texas Rangers and San Diego Padres at their spring training facilities in Phoenix, Ariz.

Southern Miss Professor Receives Young Professional Award from National Group

Michael Carroll, assistant professor in the School of Human Performance and Recreation at The University of Southern Mississippi, received the Young Professional Award from the Sport and Recreation Law Association (SRLA) during its annual conference in Savannah, Ga.

The award recognizes a young professional who demonstrates commitment to the study and instruction of the legal aspects of sport and recreation, service to the field and SRLA, as well as the potential for future growth and excellence in those same areas.

New U.S. Congressman Palazzo Visits DuBard School, Children’s Center

When asked by students at the DuBard School for Language Disorders at The University of Southern Mississippi what he enjoyed most about his job, freshman U.S. Congressman Steven Palazzo answered, “helping people.”

Palazzo, a Republican representing the Fourth District of Mississippi, was elected to his first term in Congress last November. A Southern Miss alumus, Palazzo paid his initial visit to the DuBard School and the Children’s Center for Communication and Development on Tuesday, March 22.